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- (a) (1) Except as to proceedings terminated in accordance with $\S 5-518$ (b) of this subtitle, the Joint Ethics Committee shall provide to the accused legislator a copy of:
- (i) the complaint filed or prepared in accordance with \S 5–516 of this subtitle; and
- (ii) the allegation summary prepared in accordance with \S 5–518(c) of this subtitle.
- (2) The accused legislator shall be allowed an opportunity to file a written answer to the allegation summary.
- (b) Following notification of the accused legislator, the Joint Ethics Committee may:
 - (1) terminate the proceedings; or
- (2) schedule a hearing and notify the accused legislator of the time, location, and procedures of the hearing.
- (c) (1) The Joint Ethics Committee may amend the allegation summary at any time.
- (2) If an allegation summary is amended under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the accused legislator shall be allowed an opportunity to file a written answer to the amended allegation summary.

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